

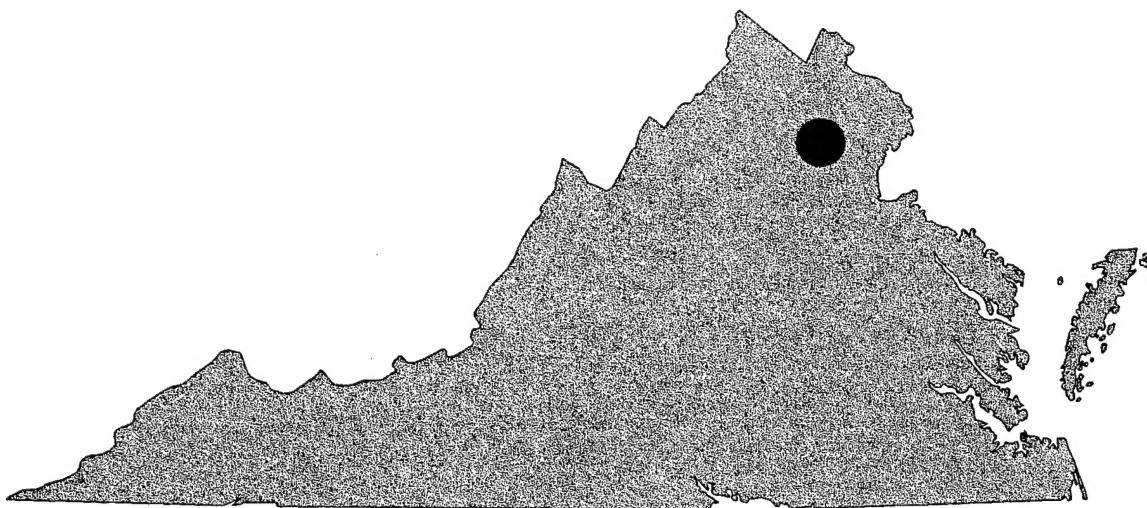


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## OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

The U.S. Army Environmental Center (AEC) tasked the Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (MCX) with the job of assisting Army installation personnel in complying with the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101-601, NAGPRA). The MCX was asked to locate and assess archaeological collections derived from Army-owned lands, to identify the federally recognized Native American tribes most likely culturally affiliated with the collections, to draft Section 6 Summary letters for each installation, and to conduct physical inventories of any collections that contain human skeletal remains. This report conveys the results of the collections research completed to assist Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity (VHCESA) in complying with the Section 6 Summary requirements of NAGPRA.

The MCX used a two-stage process to identify, locate, and assess the contents of archaeological collections from the installation. First, archival research was performed to review all archaeological site records and reports for the installation. Second, telephone interviews were conducted with personnel at installations, universities, museums, and archaeological contractors that were identified during the archival research as possible repositories of Army collections. The MCX did not physically verify the existence of collections and, as such, the information contained in this report is based on background record reviews and information obtained via telephone interviews with the aforementioned installation personnel and institution professionals.

Archival research for Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity began with a search of the National Archeological Data Base (NADB) for references pertaining to the installation. This was followed by a thorough examination of all archaeological site forms and a literature review of all pertinent archaeological reports and manuscripts on file at the Virginia Department of Historical Resources, in Richmond, Virginia. The records search was performed in June 1995 and sought to identify any work on the installation that may have produced archaeological collections.

Subsequent telephone interviews to potential collections repositories ascertained whether the materials were present and the range of objects in each collection. Once the collections were located and assessed, MCX personnel identified federally recognized Native American tribes that are likely to be culturally affiliated with the materials in the collections.

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## RESEARCH RESULTS

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS AT VINT HILL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS SUPPORT ACTIVITY

Three investigating organizations have conducted archaeological work on Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity (VHCEA) beginning in 1987. These investigating organizations are:

New South Associates, Stone Mountain, Georgia  
Virginia Research Center for Archaeology, Richmond, Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University,  
Archaeological Research Center, Richmond, Virginia, and

Each of these investigations is believed to have produced collections. Overall, investigations consisted of surface surveys, and systematic excavations.

### SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS

Totals of approximately 3 ft<sup>3</sup> of artifact material and less than one linear foot of associated documentation have been reportedly identified for Vint Hill. Only artifacts from the prehistoric archaeological period have been identified and these include stone tools, stone flaking debris, and fire cracked rock. No human remains were reported to have been recovered during these archaeological investigations, and none are contained in archaeological collections from the installation. As of the date of this report, the collections are believed to be located in the following three repositories:

New South Associates, Stone Mountain, Georgia  
  
Virginia Commonwealth University Archaeological  
Research Center, Richmond, Virginia  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond,  
Virginia

~ 1 ft<sup>3</sup> of artifacts and < 0.25  
linear feet of documentation  
~ 1 ft<sup>3</sup> and < 1 linear ft of  
documentation  
< 1 ft<sup>3</sup> of artifacts

The materials curated by the Virginia Commonwealth University Archaeological Research Center were collected from three archaeological sites on VHCEA. These materials have not been given accession numbers, but, rather, have been identified in the repository by Virginia site number. The collection contains prehistoric materials including stone tools, stone flaking debris, and fire cracked rock.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources collection has not been given accession numbers, but are identified in the repository by county and site number within the county. The collection materials include chipped stone artifacts only. No documentation is believed to accompany the collection in the repository.

New South Associates, Stone Mountain, Georgia, houses approximately one box of material from VHCEA. These materials have not been accessioned, but are identified by site number and by shovel test number within the site. Artifacts contained in the collection date entirely from the prehistoric time period, and materials include stone tools, fragments, and stone tool manufacturing debris. Less than one linear inch of documentation, including maps, photographs, field notes, and artifact analysis sheets, are included with the artifact collection.

The attached *Summary of Current Locations of Archaeological Collections from Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity* (Appendix I) provides detailed information about each collection derived as a result of archaeological investigations at the installation. A collection consists of all of the materials, artifacts and associated documentation (e.g., field notes, maps, photos, data analyses, correspondence), produced as a result of an archaeological investigation or project at a single site or multiple sites. In some cases, the same archaeological site may have been investigated by various individuals or organizations. Depending on where the resulting collections are curated, they may be stored and identified as separate collections or separate components of a single collection. In cases where the artifacts and records have become separated, we list the records collections repository as well. Every attempt has been made to locate all collections cited on available archaeological site records or in published and unpublished references to archaeological investigations on the installation.

### **NAGPRA-Related Items**

No human skeletal remains, associated or unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony were identified during the research of archaeological collections from Vint Hill Communications and Electronic Support Activity.

The final determination of any sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony among the Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity collections may be established upon further consultation with culturally affiliated Native American tribes according to the definitions and restrictions specified in NAGPRA.



## **REFERENCES TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS**

One list of references regarding archaeological work conducted on Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity is attached: Appendix II contains the list of references reviewed by the MCX during its archival research. No references to Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity are contained in the National Archeological Data Base (NADB).

## **NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES ASSOCIATED WITH VINT HILL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS SUPPORT ACTIVITY**

The cultural affiliation for the artifacts collected from Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity was not stated in the reports or site files, however there is ethnographic and archaeological evidence of prehistoric and historic Native American occupation of the area.

Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity is located in Farquier County. There appears to be no clear record of the aboriginal populations that inhabited the area during the early colonial period, but Sams (1916:370) indicates that the Tauxenent were reported by early historians to inhabit present-day Farquier County. McCary, on the other hand, believes that the Tauxenent lived along the Potomac River, in Fairfax County, which lies to the northeast of present-day Vint Hill (McCary 1957:7).

According to some historians, the tribal name Doeg is believed to be a synonym for Tauxenent (Feest 1978:269, MacCord 1958), with Doeg having been used by later historians to refer to the inhabitants of Tauxenent village (MacCord 1958). MacCord (1958) states that Virginia records make no mention of the Doeg tribe after the Bacon Rebellion, 1676, and the tribe's status beyond that year is unclear. MacCord suggests that the Doeg are likely to have been absorbed into the Patowomecke tribe, whose village existed until about 1700, or they may have crossed into Maryland to join their Doeg kinsmen in that colony (MacCord 1958).

At present, no federally recognized tribes are associated with the prehistoric or historic groups that occupied Virginia (Department of the Interior 1995), and no aboriginal land claims have been adjudicated within the state (U.S.G.S. n.d.).

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## SECTION 6 COMPLIANCE

P.L. 101-601 (NAGPRA) requires that federal agencies engage in active consultation with Native Americans of federally recognized tribes and/or lineal descendants who may be culturally affiliated with the archaeological collections from the installation. Currently, however, no federally recognized tribes are descendant from the tribes that occupied Virginia prehistorically or historically. No tribe has been adjudicated land in the state of Virginia (U.S.G.S. n.d.).

No human remains and/or funerary objects were identified among the collections from Fort Lee, therefore no Section 5 Inventory will be required. Should any Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony be intentionally excavated or inadvertently discovered in the future, the installation must comply with Section 3 of NAGPRA.

Initial consultation should be conducted on a government-to-government basis. Refer to P.L. 101-601 (NAGPRA) and 43 CFR 10 (Implementing Regulations) for specifics on required Native American consultation and the legal definitions of items subject to NAGPRA.

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U.S.G.S.

- n.d. *Indian Lands Judicially Established 1978*. Map prepared by the U.S.-Geological Survey for the Indian Claims Commission.

## APPENDIX I

### SUMMARY OF CURRENT LOCATIONS OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS FROM VINT HILL COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS SUPPORT ACTIVITY, VIRGINIA

All collections information has been entered into a Paradox data base file and can be queried by any of the fields listed below, as well as by the name of the installation and by MACOM. The data base will be delivered by the MCX to the U.S. Army Environmental Center upon completion of the U.S. Army NAGPRA Compliance Project. Inquiries for additional information are welcome (MCX: 314-331-8865; U.S. Army Environmental Center NAGPRA Compliance Project: 410-671-1573). The data fields listed in the summary of collections contain the following information:

REPOSITORY:	The current location in which the collection is stored, as of the date of this report.
REPOSITORY POC:	The person contacted by the MCX, or the person to whom inquiries regarding the collection should be addressed.
TELEPHONE:	The telephone number for the repository POC.
COLLECTION ID:	The identifying unit used by the repository to store and/or locate the collection. This can be a unique accession number assigned by the repository, the archaeological site number or project name, the name of the collector of the collection, or another number or name assigned by the repository.
SITE NUMBERS:	The official site number or name only for those sites from which materials were collected. An investigator may have performed work at additional sites but did not collect any materials. Those site numbers are not included in this field.
FIELDWORK DATES:	The date(s) during which the investigation(s) occurred. This information is provided to differentiate between projects that may have investigated the same site repeatedly.

**EXCAVATOR/COLLECTOR:** The individual and/or organization that conducted the investigation.

**COLLECTION SIZE:** The volume or number of objects in a collection, estimated by the repository POC or from project reports.

**DESCRIPTION OF MATERIALS:** General material classes of the objects in the collection derived from data provided on site records, in references, and/or by the Repository POC.

**ANTIQUITY/ARCH. PERIOD:** Chronological or cultural-historical designations recorded on site records or in references specific to the collection.

**CULTURAL AFFILIATION:** This column contains only those ethnic identifications found in the site records or references specific to the collection. This field is left blank if no such information was recorded.

**BASIS OF DETERMINATION:** Documents the source of the cultural affiliation information (e.g., site record, oral testimony, reference).

**SECTION 5 MATERIALS:** Describes the number and kind of human skeletal remains and associated funerary objects in the collection, as indicated by the site records, references, repository management documents, or information from repository POC. If these materials are present or are suspected to be present, NAGPRA Section 5 requires a physical inventory of the materials.

## Summary of Current Location of Archaeological Collecti

As of March 1996

Repository	Repository POC	Telephone	Collection ID	Site Numbers	Fieldwork Dates	Excava
New South Associates, Stone Mountain, GA	Lisa O'Steen	(706) 769-4475	Collection Materials Identified by Site Number and Shovel Test Number	44FQ137	1995	New Sou Associate Mountain
Virginia Commonwealth University, Archaeological Research Center, Richmond, VA	Beverly Binns	(804) 828-7596	Collection Materials Identified by Site Number	44FQ136, 44FQ137, 44FQ142	Jan. 1994	Virginia Common University Archaeol Research Richmon
Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, VA	Beth Acuff	(804) 372-0831	Collection Materials Identified by County and Site Number	44FQ95, 44FQ96	1987	Virginia F Center fo Archaeol Richmon

Current Location of Archaeological Collections From: Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity, Virginia (AMC)

As of March 1996

ibars	Fieldwork Dates	Excavator/Collector	Collection Size	Description of Materials	Antiquity/Archaeological Period	Cultural Affiliation	Det
	1995	New South Associates, Stone Mountain, GA	1 Box; < .25 linear ft.	Lithics, Biface Fragments, Debitage, Documents, Maps, Photos, Field Notes, Artifact Analysis Sheets	Prehistoric		
44FQ142	Jan. 1994	Virginia Commonwealth University Archaeological Research Center, Richmond, VA	1 Box; < 1 linear ft.	Lithics, Fire Cracked Rock, & Associated Documentation	Prehistoric		
	1987	Virginia Research Center for Archaeology, Richmond, VA	< 1 cu. ft.	Lithics Only	Prehistoric		

ials	Antiquity/Archaeological Period	Cultural Affiliation	Basis of Determination	Section 5 Materials
heritage, Field sites	Prehistoric			No
	Prehistoric			No
	Prehistoric			No



## APPENDIX II

### MCX LIST OF REFERENCES

In addition to the references reviewed by MCX personnel at the archaeological site information center, every attempt was made to obtain references cited but not on file. Information taken from these references was coded for data relating to collections made from sites located on installation property (see attached sample of PD-C Bibliographic Data Sheet form) and entered into a data base for ease of manipulation.

Report titles were drawn directly from the title page of reports, and consist of the following fields:

FIELD	DATA ENTERED
Subject Property	Army Installation name
Last Name	Primary author's last name
First Name	Primary author's first name
Middle Initial	Primary author's middle initial
Secondary Authors	Names of secondary authors, <i>or</i> in instances where the author is a company rather than an individual, the company name is listed here
Title	Title of the reference. For letter reports, the person or agency to whom the correspondence is addressed is listed as the title.
Series	If the report is part of a publication series, the name and number are provided here.
Date	Date of publication or submission
Length	Report length in pages
Contract Number	Contract number and delivery order number, if applicable

The data for the next three fields are drawn directly from the report title page and reflect the hierarchy of contracting agencies involved in accomplishing the work. In some cases, the sponsoring agency is listed as the Army installation; in others, the intermediary contracting agent, (e.g., the Army Corps of Engineers or the National Park Service) is listed as the Sponsoring Agency.

Sponsoring Agency	Agency for which the report was prepared
Contractor	The agent contracted to perform the work
Subcontractor	The agent subcontracted to perform the work

The majority of the citations for archaeological investigations on Army land refer to unpublished reports prepared under contract with federal agencies, consequently the MCX printout was designed to address these reports. In instances where the author is a company rather than an individual, the company name is listed in the Secondary Authors field (due to the length of the field). For published references, the publisher is listed in the Sponsoring Agency field.

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Fieldwork  
Page \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_

NADB No. \_\_\_\_\_

PD-C Collection No. \_\_\_\_\_

## PD-C Bibliography Data Sheet

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Information obtained by: \_\_\_\_\_

PD-C Project:

Subject Property:

Repository (name and location):

Record Collection Name/Number:

Report Date and Length (in pages):

Author(s):

Title:

Contractor/Address or Publisher/Address (city, state):

Subcontractor/Address (city, state):

Report Series and Number:

Contract/Purchase Order Number(s):

Sponsoring Agency/Address:

Project Name and Location:

Principal Investigator(s)/Director(s):

Fieldwork Dates:

Type of Investigation (e.g., survey, testing, mitigation):

PD-C Bibliography Data Sheet (continued)

Site Numbers:

Archaeological Period (e.g., Hohokam, Mississippian):

Material Classes (range):

Artifact Collections and Locations:

Approximate Size of Collections (e.g., number of objects):

Record Collections and Locations:

NAGPRA Materials (Check if present)

Human Skeletal Remains \_\_\_\_\_

Human Skeletal Remains Data Sheet ☐  
Number of Attached Sheets \_\_\_\_\_

Objects

Associated Funerary \_\_\_\_\_

Unassociated Funerary \_\_\_\_\_

Object Data Sheet ☐  
Number of Attached Sheets \_\_\_\_\_

Sacred \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Patrimony \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation(s):

Basis for Affiliation Determination (e.g., geographic location, burial practices):

Comments:

**MCX List of References for Vint Hill Communications and Electronics Support Activity, Virginia [AMC] as of March 1996**

Subject property : Vint Hill Farm Station, VA

Last name :

First name :

Middle Initial :

Secondary Authors : KFS Historic Preservation Group

Title : Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, Fauquier County, Virginia: Phase I Cultural Resource Investigations Report.

Series :

Date : 09/30/94

Length : 45

Contract Number : DACW31-89-D-0054

Sponsoring Agency : US Army, Vint Hill Farm Station

Contractor : US Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District

Subcontractor : KFS Historic Preservation Group, Kise Franks & Straw, Inc./Douglas McLeaver, Virginia Commonwealth University Archaeological Research Center